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October 17, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; and Lower Cotton Valley
Zone, Reservoir A, ELM GROVE FIELD, Caddo and
Bossier Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To approve the drilling, designation and use of the J-W Operating Company--Taylortown 16 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU52 and as the unit well for LCV RA SUVV at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972 (applicable to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996 (applicable to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A).

2. To find that an alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU52 is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, underlying the unit which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.

3. To designate Applicant as operator of LCV RA SUVV.

4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-A series of Orders.

The Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the two (2) attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

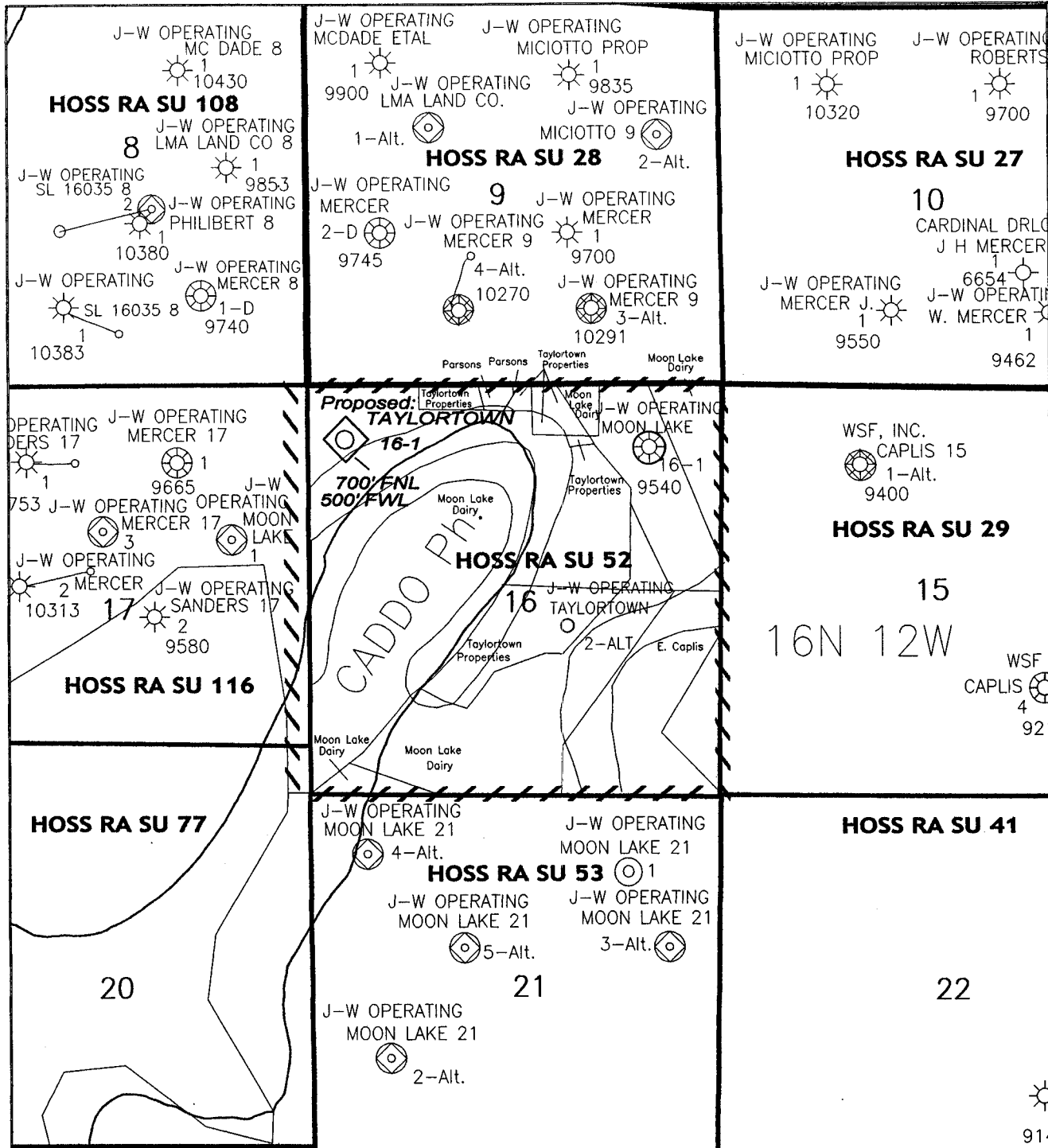
Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for J-W Operating Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Dave Williams (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

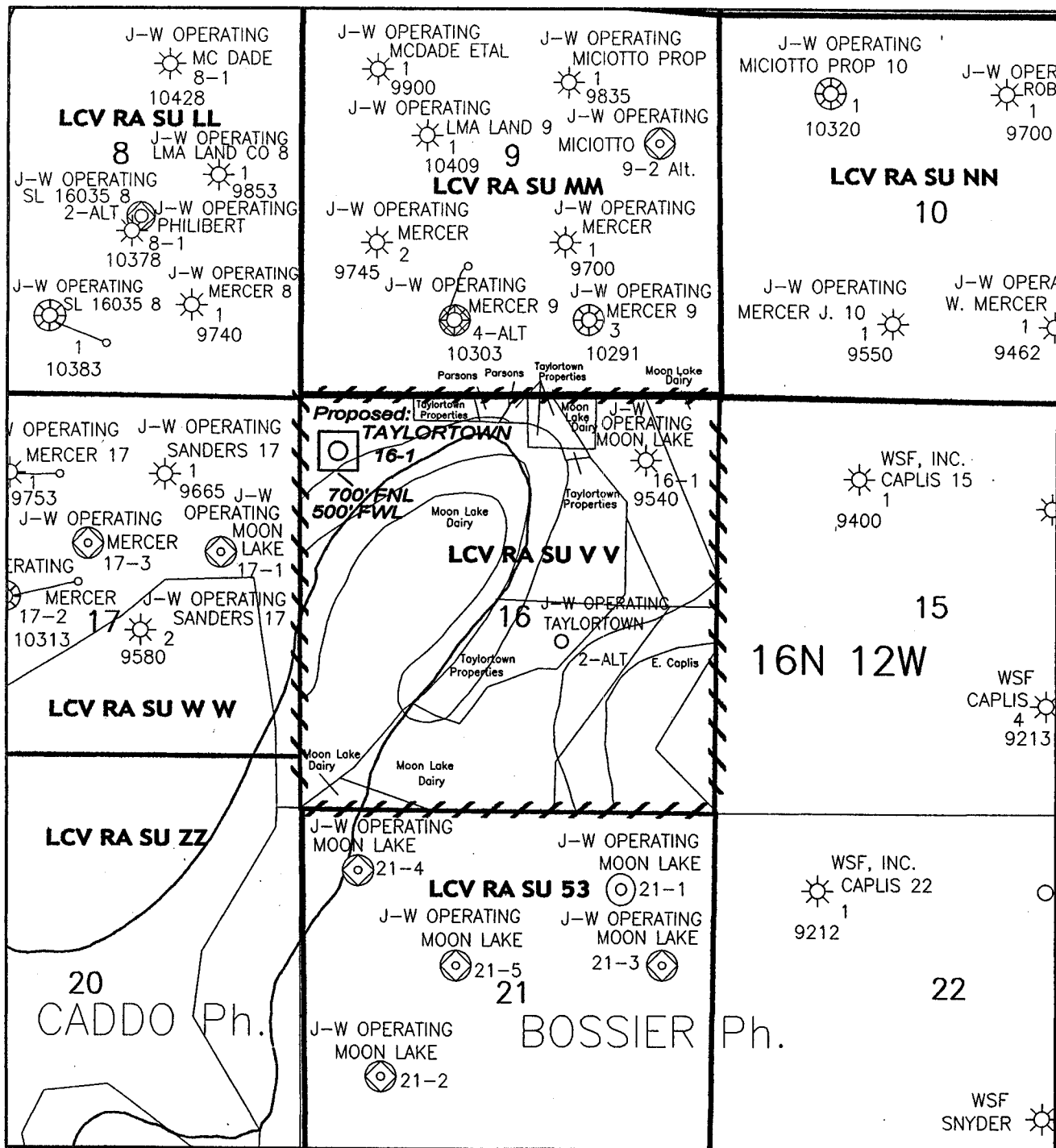


LEGEND

- Existing Units, Order 361-A series
- ⊕ Proposed Alternate Unit Well
- ⊙ Unit Well
- ⊗ Approved Alternate Unit Well
- Posted Wells > 6000'

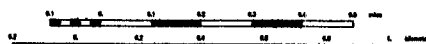


J-W OPERATING COMPANY		
Unit Plat - Hosston Formation Elm Grove Fld. Reservoir "A" Caddo & Bossier Phs. La		
Date:	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket No.
Exhibit 1	1" : 2000'	01-??



LEGEND

- Existing Units, Order 361-E series
- Proposed Unit Well / Exception Loc.
- ⊙ Unit Well
- ⊗ Approved Alternate Unit Wells
- Posted Wells > 8300'



J-W OPERATING COMPANY

Unit Plat - Lower Cotton Valley Form.
 Elm Grove Fld. Reservoir "A"
 Caddo & Bossier Phs. La

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